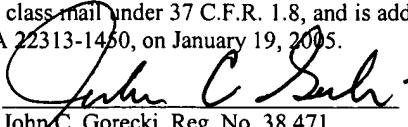


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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 7 of this paper.